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TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 07-33...AMENDED
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
830 AM EDT FRI JUN 22 2007

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS...NOAA WEATHER
WIRE SERVICE /NWWS/ SUBSCRIBERS...EMERGENCY MANAGERS
WEATHER INFORMATION NETWORK /EMWIN/ SUBSCRIBERS...
OTHER NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ CUSTOMERS AND
PARTNERS...NWS EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: AMENDED: NATIONAL CENTERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION
/NCEP/ REAL TIME OCEAN FORECAST SYSTEM /RTOFS/ MODEL
UPGRADE: EFFECTIVE JUNE 5 2007

REFER TO: TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION NOTICE 07-43

AMENDED TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO PARALLEL DATA SETS AND TO PROVIDE
A VALID FTP SERVER LINK FOR CURRENT OPERATIONAL RTOFS MODEL
DATA.

NOTE: NCEP COASTAL OCEAN FORECAST SYSTEM /COFS/ TO BE
DISCONTINUED 90 DAYS AFTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RTOFS
UPDATE. SEE DETAILS BELOW.

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY JUNE 5 2007...BEGINNING WITH THE 1200
COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/ RUN...NCEP WILL UPGRADE THE
RTOFS FORECAST SYSTEM.

THIS UPGRADE IS EXPECTED TO IMPROVE THE RTOFS ANALYSIS AND
FORECAST SKILL AS WELL AS EXTEND THE PRODUCTS SUITE FOR THE
RTOFS ATLANTIC DOMAIN.

DETAILS OF THESE CHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ALGORITHM CHANGES:

A. DATA ASSIMILATION

- FOR SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE: CHANGES IN NUDGING PARAMETERS...
REMOVAL OF BIAS FOR GOES SST OBSERVATIONS.
- FOR SEA SURFACE HEIGHT: NEW ALGORITHMS TO ASSIMILATE SEA
SURFACE HEIGHT ANOMALIES FROM JASON AND GFO.
- FOR VERTICAL PROFILES OF TEMPERATURE AND SALINITY: NEW
ALGORITHMS TO ASSIMILATE TEMPERATURE AND SALINITY PROFILES.

B. HYCOM MODEL

- REMOVE APPROXIMATION TO BOTTOM PRESSURE IN MONTGOMERY POTENTIAL CALCULATION.
- IMPROVE STABILITY IN PRESSURE GRADIENT CALCULATIONS.
- THE TWO INVARIANT EXTERNAL MODE BOUNDARY CONDITION IS BEING RE-DEPLOYED.
- FOR WATER FLUXES INTO THE OCEAN /RIVERS AND PRECIPITATION MINUS EVAPORATION/: THE WATER COLUMN MIGHT BE REFRESHED TO ARBITRARY DEPTH...AS NEEDED.

C. DATA INPUTS AND MODEL PARAMETERS

- USE REVISED AND EXTENDED HYDROBASE CLIMATOLOGY NCEP VERSION 6.
- NUMBER OF VERTICAL LEVELS INCREASED FROM 25 TO 26 WITH IMPROVED DENSITY TARGETS.
- USE REVISED RIVER INFLOW DATA /LOCATION...STRENGTH/ FROM UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY RIVER OUTFLOW DATA IN REAL TIME.
- REMOVE NOISE IN NET HEAT FLUX.
- IMPROVED VALUES OF TRANSPORT AND SURFACE ELEVATION USED AT OPEN BOUNDARIES.

D. PRODUCTS

- USE GRIB FILES ON NATIVE GRIDS.
- USE REGIONAL GRIB FILES FOR GULF OF MEXICO NORTH-WEST ATLANTIC /2 SUB-REGIONS/ FOR EFFICIENT TRANSMISSION.

OPERATIONAL RTOFS MODEL DATA OUTPUT CAN BE FOUND AT THE FOLLOWING LINK /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[FTP://FTP.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/PUB/DATA/NCCF/COM/OFS/PROD/OFS.YYYMMDD](ftp://ftp.ncep.noaa.gov/pub/data/nccf/com/ofc/prod/ofc.yyyymmdd)

SAMPLES OF NOWCAST AND FORECAST FIELDS... ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND NOWCAST/FORECAST EVALUATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://POLAR.NCEP.NOAA.GOV/OFS](http://polar.ncep.noaa.gov/ofc)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS CHANGE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/NOTIF.HTM](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notif.htm)

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